



## COUNCIL REPORT

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SUBJECT: Troy Transit Center Status Report - March 2013

### Construction

Construction was briefly suspended in mid-February as the project team worked to address CN Railroad's late requirement of a crash wall along the west tower. Shortly after Council's March 4th approval of design, construction and funding contract amendments, CN provided Hubbell, Roth and Clark written approval of the structural design plan for the crash wall. With that in place, the design team issued a construction bulletin and the construction team began producing the necessary shop drawings. Construction of the foundation and crash wall itself is scheduled for the last two weeks of March.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> a revised construction schedule that included the crash wall was issued. Some of the work items were re-scheduled to allow work to proceed on the station building and elevator tower on the Troy side, while design approval was being sought for the crash wall. This action limited the overall time extension to only 30 days and avoided any additional costs due to delays. Project completion is now scheduled for August 5, 2013.

Work activity on the Transit Center in March includes:

- Erection of structural steel, precast exterior concrete panels, and installation of precast concrete steps for the east (Troy side) elevator/bridge support tower
- Construction of the crash and foundation walls for the west elevator tower.
- Erection of the steel frame for the building
- Off-site manufacture of precast concrete panels to fit above crash wall along west elevator tower

Major work coming up in next 30 days includes:

- Station building masonry and roofing
- Erection of structural steel, precast exterior concrete panels, and installation of precast concrete steps for the west (Birmingham side) elevator/bridge support tower
- Platform construction
- Execution of AMTRAK Lease Agreement expected on April 8th, Easement and License agreements as required by CN are in progress

## Financial

A summary of Transit Center costs is attached for the Preliminary Design Phase that ended December 15, 2011, and the Final Design and Construction Phase, which lasts until the project is completed this year.

## Property

The City Attorney's Office reports that the Michigan Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on March 6, 2013 in the Grand Sakwa appeal. It will be some time after that before a written opinion will be issued.

## Business Opportunities

Troy City Management continues to work closely with the Troy Chamber of Commerce to help identify potential business opportunities for the Transit Center. Marketing Associates has been assisting City Management and the Troy Chamber of Commerce in this effort. A meeting with the Troy Chamber of Commerce Hospitality Committee is scheduled for March 14, 2013. At this meeting, information will be provided to the committee regarding ways area hotels, restaurants and other hospitality businesses can participate with the business development opportunities offered by the facility. For instance, informational kiosks, similar to what is found at Metro Airport, may be a way for local hospitality venues to advertise and connect with Transit Center users. City Management, the Troy Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Associates hope to receive some initial feedback from the Hospitality Committee to see if there is any interest in supporting a Transit Center hospitality kiosk and/or other marketing opportunities.

John Tagle of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and Howard English of Marketing Associates are planning to attend the April 8, 2013 Troy City Council Study Session on the Transit Center. At the Study Session, City Council will be brought up to date on construction activities and business opportunities. City Council direction will be asked for regarding whether or not the sale of Transit Center naming rights and other potential sponsorship opportunities should be pursued.

Project staff is available to answer any questions or provide additional information as necessary.